

REMARKS

The courtesies extended to the undersigned by Examiner Scott Haugland during the interview held March 16, 2006 in the subject U.S. patent application are acknowledged and appreciated. During that interview, a proposed amended claim 1 was presented for the Examiner's review. As set forth in the Interview Summary, that proposed amended claim 1 was deemed, by the Examiner, as raising new issues which would require additional searching. In response, there is being concurrently filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination or RCE. It is believed that the claims now pending in the subject application are patentable over the prior art cited and relied on for the reasons presented during the interview, and as set forth below. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

As discussed with Examiner Haugland during the interview, as set forth and depicted in the subject U.S. patent application, and as recited in the claims, the subject invention is directed to a device that is intended to be used to draw in leading ends of continuous paper webs in a web-fed rotary printing press. While it is acknowledged that the preamble of the claims is not a positive limitation, it does set forth the environment in which a specific invention is intended to be used. It is not appropriate to select a device from a different environment and to assert that it could perform the structure of the disclosed and claimed invention, in the absence of some specific teaching or suggestion that the reference device could be used for such a purpose.

As discussed with Examiner Haugland, a plurality of paper webs 05, 06, 07 are drawn into a printing press by the use of a paper web traction means. The webs first pass over a roller, generally at 16, as seen in Fig. 1, and then are longitudinally formed